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Winter 883

Numenius & his Roman troops
spent the winter in Syria

1 Jan 283

Cornelius became Consul with his father CARUS. He was entrusted with the government and defence of the western provinces while Carus himself and his younger son Numerian took charge of affairs in the east.

283-296

28th pope St. Caius

Dalmatia, Martyr. Was a near
relation of Emperor Diocletian
and converted many of the
Roman nobility

Spring 1753 & July/Aug 183

Caesar & Mucianus fought
successfully against SARMATIANS
and QUADI in the Danube. Their
main object was to embark on the war
against Persia. Persia was no longer
the menace it had been under SHAPUR I.
The Roman force advanced through Mesopotamia,
defeated the Persians and captured CTE-SIPHON,
the capital, and the adjacent city of COCHIE.

which the Persian King ARDASHIR had founded some 50 years before, but the expedition got no further when Corvus was killed by a bolt of lightning. Or so we are told. Many felt the lightning was wielded by the hand of APER, the praetorian commander, or by Diocletian, commander of the imperial bodyguard. But for these conjectures, we have no evidence

July/Aug 283

Accession of Numerian

Wife : name unknown

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Corvus killed

Corvus & Numerian become
joint emperors.

July or Aug 283

The sudden death of Corus placed command of the Persian expedition in the hands of his younger son Numenius. He was a mature man of around 30.

During the Mesopotamian campaign he had contracted a serious eye infection which left him partially blind. The capture of C TESIPIHON had brought the Persian campaign to a successful climax, and in Corus' death,

Quintilian had no difficulty ordering a Roman
withdrawal